Response and Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 Expedited Procedure Group Art Unit 1617

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

MOUGIN ET AL.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

TECH CENTER 1600/2004 This is in response to the final official action dated July 2, 2003, wherein the pending claims were variously objected to and rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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